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SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, well....let me go back again Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me rephrase the question. You bill says now that no importer or whoever sells this stuff, a manufacturer can sell these hard liquors in Nebraska at a price higher than the lowest price that they charge anywhere in the country.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me first of all correct, there is stuff, Jack Daniels is not stuff, that is quality. Now my answer is yes. If everybody assumed the same price yes it would be the same price. Of course that is not happening. The states that are adopting this Senator Chambers are the small states that are under the gun and do not receive the lowest price.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lewis will this be to a greater consumption of liquor in the state if the price is reduced?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I can't speak to that. Obviously my consumption level will stay about the same.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a tendency when the price of a desired commodity drops, more of that commodity is consumed by those who desire it?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That might be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you Senator Lewis. Oh, one other question. Would it surprise you if I oppose your bill?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Chambers, nothing that you could do would surprise me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature I move that LB340 be indefinitely postponed.

PRESIDENT: Motion to indefinitely postpone LB340. Do you want to discuss the motion? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well you people know how Senator Chambers kids around about some of these liquor bills. He has had his fun, but now this gets to be personal Senator Chambers. That is my bill see. The bill is a meritorious bill and Senator chambers opposition comes to it through his general opposition to liquor I suppose and for that I respect your belief Senator Chambers, but my beliefs are a little bit different and I practice them pretty well, so the bill is good for Nebraska. It makes the distillers out of state sell in this state at a cheaper price. I know that Senator Chambers has had his fun in trying to kill the bill now, and I would ask that you reject his motion and hastenly speed 340 across the board.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis..

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.